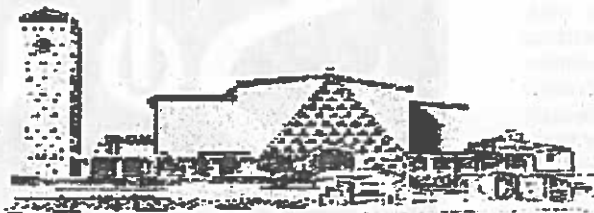


**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 12th
Sept., for the celebration of Baptism
on Sunday, September 17th.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	George McDermott (M.M.) Dolores Keating (1st Anniv.) Jim Carr (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	John Byrne (Rec. Dec'd.)
	10.00am	Susan & Thomas Comerford (Anniv.) Caroline Morrison (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Declan Fay (M. M.) Niall Smyth (Rec.Dec.) Jean Robinson & her father, Aidan Robinson (Anniv.) Eileen Patterson (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Jim Bunyan (Anniv.)
Tues.	10.00am	Health Intention
Wed.	10.00am	Michael Nelson (Anniv.)
Thur	10.00am	Michael Gill (Rec. Dec'd.)
Fri.	10.00am	Elizabeth green (Rec. Dec'd.)

THE DEEP END: Community Living

No community is without its problems. Wherever two or three are gathered, there will be two or three different opinions!

Today's Gospel has a valuable message about community. When we think of our own parish or church community, we might feel uncomfortable with the advice on how to deal with sin. But this passage is just as relevant now as it was to the early Church. First of all, it acknowledges that the Church is not perfect - being made up of sinners, who will go astray and disagree at different times. It emphasises the importance of dialogue - if a someone sins, the first step is to discuss it with that person, and then to enlist the help of the community if necessary. Presumably the other members will do the same for you, if and when you need it. We all have a responsibility, as members of the Church, to help those who are struggling or lost.

If you have a spare few minutes, read the passages which come immediately before and after this one in St. Matthew's Gospel. Before, the parable of the lost sheep tells us that God rejoices when someone who has gone astray is found. After, Jesus tells us we should forgive each other as many as seventy-seven times. The context is God's generous love and forgiveness, on which we are expected to model our Church. Jesus is present where two or three meet in His name - even with our human struggles and disagreements and sins. We have a responsibility to be present to each other, and to forgive one another. That's what it means to be Christ's Church. T

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The next Parish Pastoral
Council meeting is on Tues-
day 12th Sept at 7:30 p.m.

New Rosters for Ministers of the
Eucharist are available for col-
lection at the Sacristy door.

READINGS Next Sunday

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir. 27:30-28:7

Ps. 102

Rom 14:7;9

Matt. 18:21-35



Lumen - Dominican Centre, Blackrock is running
a two year part-time Spirituality programme on
Thursday evenings and six Saturdays to start on 28
September 2017. It is exciting and inspiring and is
open to all, no prior learning needed. Contact Anne
Ryan, anneryanflanagan@gmail.com, 086 884 3652.

What's on in Manresa?

Oasis Day: Sat. 16th Sept, 9.30am-6pm
Spirituality in Poetry and Song: Mon. 11th Sept
7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Steps2Serenity: 12 Step Meditation and Prayer
starting Wed 20th Sept 8:00pm to 9:30pm

Saturday 16th September
Join the Rosary rally in
front of Our Lady other of
Divine Grace Church to
mark the centenary of the
Fatima apparitions.

The recent Church Gate
Collection for "Schools
for Syria" raised
€2805.21. The organis-
ers would like to express
their sincere thanks.

The Crosscare collection for community &
homeless services will replace the Share collec-
tion at next Sunday Masses 16th & 17th Sept .

The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting a Cloister
day on Saturday, Sept 16th from 10am to 5pm. The
day is designed to help young women between the
ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor
Clare way of life with a view to vocation discern-
ment. To book a place contact: Sr. Faustina
at: poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com